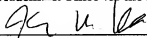


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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2007 and Office Communication dated January 29, 2008, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"):

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 4 of this paper.